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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, December 8, 2015, meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons made a statement that the Committee on Elections operates under the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives, specifically:

House Rule 60. No independent or new proposition or new question shall be introduced under color of an amendment. All amendments must be germane to the main question. When the question of germaness is raised, the Presiding Officer shall rule on the question.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 110 (Robertson) Elections; scheduling; election of county executive in an optional unified form of county government; modify election schedule to the gubernatorial election years.

Erika Farley, from Senator Robertson's Office, testified in support of SB 110.

Paul Welday, representing Advance Oakland, testified in support of SB 110.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on SB 110 and did not wish to speak.

Representative Hoadley moved to adopt the following amendment to SB 110:

1. Amend page 4, following line 2, by inserting:
"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 5117

of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution EE of the 98th Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 3-5-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Pass: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to report SB 110 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-3-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Nays: Representatives Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 571	(Kowall)	Campaign finance; committees; definition of commingled and connected organization; provide for and modify provisions relating to those connected organizations.
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The following individuals submitted a card in support of SB 571 but did not wish to speak:

Jim Kirsch, representing AT&T.

Frank Foster, representing DTE Energy and Dow Chemical.

Dennis McKee, representing Consumers Energy.

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.

Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors.

Representative Jacobsen moved to report SB 571 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:55 a.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

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